## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 954**

## By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Debbie Maples upon being named the Lewis County Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Maples is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a second grade teacher, Ms. Maples was recently selected Teacher of the Year for Lewis County at the elementary school level, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Maples is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Ms. Maples has skillfully taught school for four years in Lewis County, having previously taught at Nashville Christian School and with the Wayne County School System; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she is a member of the Waynesboro Church of Christ and teaches a Wednesday night Bible class for children; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Maples truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maples epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Debbie Maples on her selection as the Elementary School Teacher of the Year for Lewis County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.